

4. (AMENDED) The biopsy needle according to Claim 1, characterized in that said tab-like extension (105C) has side walls (105E) designed to contain the tissue specimen laterally.

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

5. (AMENDED) The biopsy needle according to claim 1, characterized in that the external cannula (1; 101) has a polygonal cross section, for example a square cross section.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. (AMENDED) The biopsy needle according to claim 1, characterized in that the external cannula has a rounded cross section, for example a circular or elliptical cross section.

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. (AMENDED) The biopsy needle according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a sliding element (307; 407) designed to be set in contrast with the tab (305C; 405C) to re-open said tab so as to facilitate extraction of the tissue specimen without damaging it.

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. (AMENDED) The biopsy needle according to claim 1 and particularly suited for taking intra-osseous samples, characterized in that the cannula has a penetrating end which is truncated at right angles with respect to the axis of the needle and is provided with a serrated edge, and in that the closing stem (413) has a faceted tip.